



## Carlsbad Police Department

# PRESS RELEASE

<b>CRIME/INCIDENT:</b>	Police Pursuit	<b>CASE:</b>	09-0598
<b>DATE:</b>	01-25-09	<b>TIME:</b>	0055 hrs
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Carlsbad Blvd and State St.		
<b>SUSPECT 1:</b>	Lavar Toosweet McKiernan	<b>AGE:</b>	34
<b>SUSPECT 2:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
<b>SUSPECT 3:</b>		<b>AGE:</b>	
<b>VICTIM 2:</b>	Joseph Zamora	<b>AGE:</b>	44

### SUMMARY:

On 01-25-2009, at approximately 2018 hrs, Carlsbad Police Officer Samantha Alexander attempted to stop a vehicle driven by McKiernan for almost crashing into three parked vehicles and driving without headlights. McKiernan fled from Alexander and led her on a short pursuit. While fleeing McKiernan rear ended Zamora, ran into a telephone pole and fled into a lagoon area west of Carlsbad Blvd. San Diego Police Air Support, ABLE and Oceanside Police K-9 responded to the perimeter. ABLE located the suspect hiding in the lagoon in about 4 feet of water. ABLE led officers and the K-9 to the suspect who refused to surrender to police after being given several opportunities to do so. The K-9 unit apprehended the suspect and officers quickly took him into custody without further incident.

Zamora was taken to Scripps La Jolla for his injuries he sustained when he was rear ended by McKiernan.

McKiernan was transported to Tri City Hospital for his injuries and will be booked for Felony DUI, Felony evading causing injuries and attempting to harm a police dog.

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